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Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Joseph C. Jasper, D.C. Chairman
Milford, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your request of December 4th for our opinion as to whether the requirement in RSA 316:10 that an applicant for license to practice chiropractic shall be a graduate of a legally chartered or incorporated school of chiropractic requiring for graduation completion of a course of study of not less than thirty-six hundred classroom hours in four academic years, means four years of nine months each.

You state that this question arises because an individual registered in New Hampshire desires to practice chiropractic in Florida, and that the Florida licensing officials ask whether this interpretation is correct.

The time requirement in the New Hampshire statute is not in terms of months, but rather in terms of classroom hours. We are unable to say that thirty-six hundred classroom hours in four academic years means four academic years of nine months each. If the school of chiropractic involved had a four-year course of not less than thirty-six hundred classroom hours, the mere fact that the academic year of the particular school was eight months instead of nine months would not in our opinion be a reason for depriving a graduate of that school of the right to practice chiropractic.

We believe that you properly could advise the Florida board that in your opinion the requirement of thirty-six hundred classroom hours of four academic years is equivalent to four academic years of nine months each, if such is the case.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Elmer T. Bourque
Assistant Attorney General

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